

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 128

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Lisa J. Montgomery for her selection as 2005 Teacher of the Year for Creswell Professional Development Design Center Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those African Americans who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders in the field of education, during this, the month of February, in acknowledgement of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Lisa J. Montgomery, who received the 2005 Teacher of the Year Award for Creswell Professional Development Design Center Elementary School and was the guest of Governor Phil Bredeson for the 2005 State of the State Address; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montgomery currently serves as a host to Tennessee State University and Vanderbilt education students for classroom questions, observations, and practicum purposes; and

WHEREAS, throughout her prestigious career, Dr. Montgomery served as a mentor in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School's (MNPS) Mentoring Program, hosted a Vanderbilt student teacher and the MNPS Pre-Kindergarten Professional Support Meetings, acted as Team Leader from McKissack Pre-Kindergarten for several years, and has served as the co-sponsor of the McKissack PDS Middle School cheerleaders; and

WHEREAS, widely respected within the community and throughout the State, Dr. Montgomery has served with distinction on numerous Pre-Kindergarten committees, including the State Licensure Committee, the Report Card Revision Committee, the Standards

Committee, and the Pre-Kindergarten Committee that developed the Pre-Kindergarten Report Card; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding woman has served meritoriously on the Faculty Advisory Committee and as a member of the Parent Teacher Organization and the Advisory Council Board at McKissack and Creswell Schools; and

WHEREAS, along with these responsibilities, Dr. Lisa Montgomery had the distinct pleasure to act as presenter during the John Wesley United Methodist Church's Educational Forum on Pre-Kindergarten Expectations and for the Meharry Preschool on their discussion dealing with Pre-Kindergarten Readiness and Expectations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montgomery has been recognized for her hard work and dedication and received the 1999 Teacher of the Year Award for McKissack Accelerated Middle School, the Teacher of the Week Award at McKissack annually, beginning in 1996, and the Top Teacher Award presented by WZTV Fox 17; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community, this remarkable lady finds time to lend her talents and energy by preparing, delivering, and serving meals to the sick, homebound, homeless, and elderly persons through the Agape Meal Program, the Love-In-Action Program, Meals on Wheels Program, and Room In the Inn Program of Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church and John Wesley United Methodist Church. She also delivers food baskets, clothing, and toys for families in need each Thanksgiving and Christmas; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Dr. Lisa Montgomery has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, staff, students and their parents, and all who have had the privilege of working with her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we pause in deliberations to acknowledge and honor all those African Americans committed to improving education and deserving of praise during this, the month of February, also recognized as Black History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize one such significant person, Dr. Lisa Montgomery, who through her ardor and diligence in education has received the 2005 Teacher of the Year Award for Creswell Professional Development Design Center Elementary School and was invited as Governor Bredeson's special guest for the 2005 State of the State address. We applaud her for her laudable service to the people of Tennessee and wish her every continued success in all her future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.